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Beyond its specific scientific and technologic aspects, the International Geophysical Year program also has broad international aspects. It affords, for example, an opportunity for world leadership by the United States in keeping with the President's often-expressed desires for international cooperation. In particular, the President recently expressed his hope for international cooperation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy. With respect to science itself, the President on March 17, 1954, stressed the vital role of science to the Nation. The International Geophysical Year in effect presents immediately at hand an international cooperative program in science; it is a program that is destined to go ahead and to succeed; and it affords an opportunity for the United States to assume world leadership in a constructive program of benefit to all.

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